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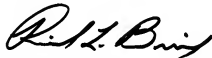
Application of Ruman et al. Art Unit 3761
Serial No. 10/038,796
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METHOD OF FASTENING THEREOF
Examiner Karin M. Reichle

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LETTER TO THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appellants note receipt of the Examiner's Answer issued December 27, 2006, which appears identical to the Examiner's Answer mailed April 26, 2006. Appellants previously filed their Reply Brief on June 6, 2006 in reply to the Examiner's Answer mailed April 26, 2006. Appellants therefore submit that no further Reply from Appellants is due at this time and request that the Board duly consider Appellants' Reply Brief filed June 6, 2006 in rendering its decision.

Respectfully submitted,



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